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Research and Publication as an Early Career Librarian

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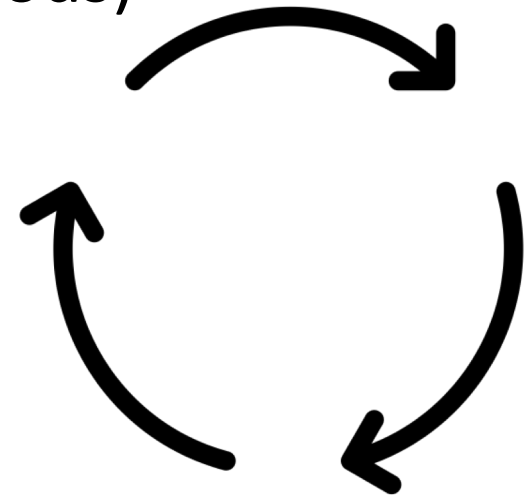
Early Career Librarians + Research & Publication

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Considerations for research & publication

- Job responsibilities (tenure track or not)
- Experience (previous research & publication)
- Preparation (course on research methods)
- Confidence
- Time



Why research & publish?

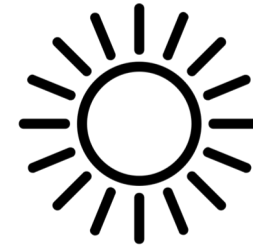
- Develop **new knowledge**
- Position the library as a contributor to **research on campus**
- Give librarians **experience** with research & publication, which is applicable to their work with faculty
- Advance in **jobs** & profession



Our survey



- ✓ 255 valid responses
- ✓ Respondents worked in libraries for 5 years or less
- ✓ All have MLIS or equivalent

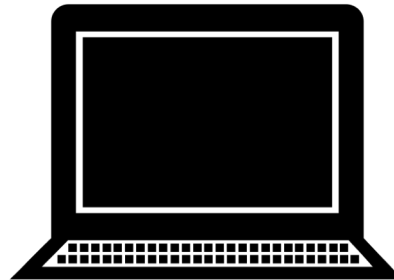


This talk's focus:
**Influencing factors for
engaging with
research & publication**

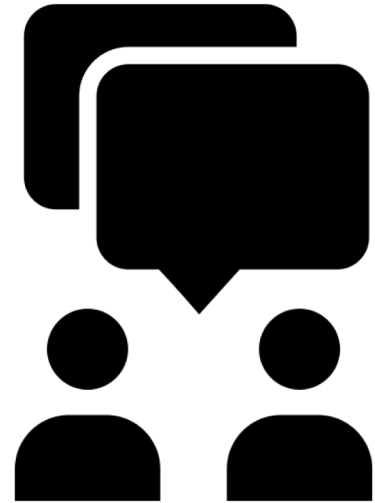
Top positively influencing factors



1. Convenience of
accessing scholarly
resources ($n = 206, 86\%$)



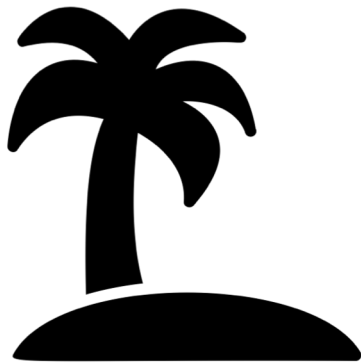
2. Access to
necessary technology
($n = 203, 84\%$)



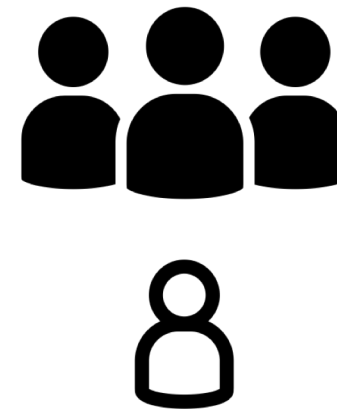
3. Collaborator support
and/or presence
($n = 189, 78\%$)

*positive + strongly positive combined

Top negatively influencing factors



1. Absence of supervisor support
($n = 117$, 48%)
2. Absence of mentor support
($n = 116$, 48%)



3. Culture at my academic library
($n = 47$, 19%)

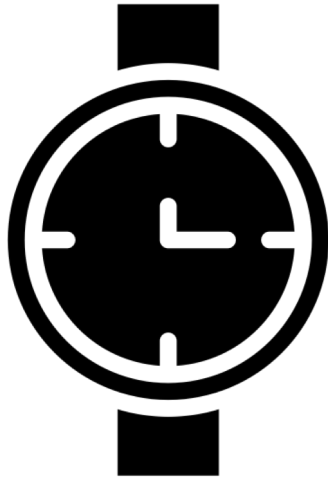
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Additional factors = personal

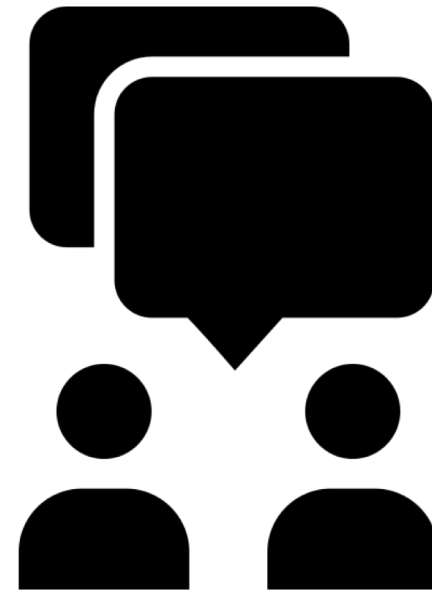
- Self-motivation (presence or absence)
 - View of librarianship (positive or negative)
 - Lack of confidence
 - Personal life
 - Access to conferences
 - Job applications
- (+ time)
(+ culture)



Top factors for publishing more in the future

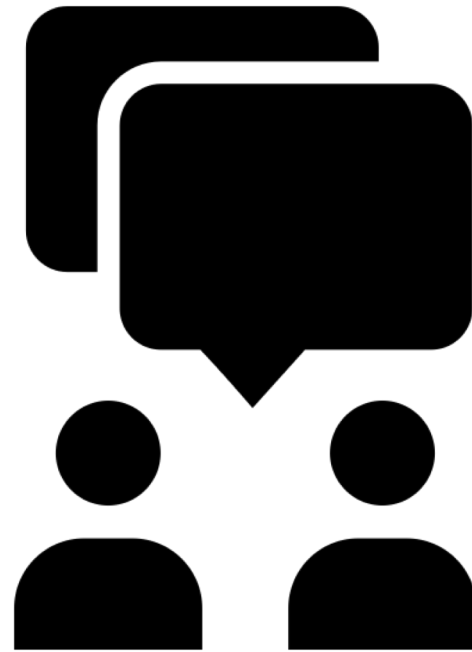
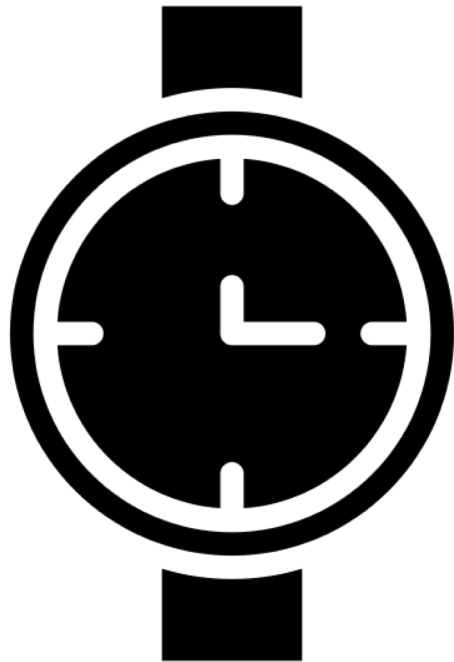


1. Dedicated time to conduct research ($n = 199$)



2. Supervisor support ($n = 128$)
3. Collaborator support ($n = 128$)

So what?



Thank you

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